THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) On the basis of area declared surplus, the total ceiling surplus land in Gujarat is presently estimated at around 2.48 lakh acres. District-wise details of surplus land are not monitored at Central level.

(c) The States have been advised from time to time to distribute available surplus land expeditiously among the landless poor. A special drive for the distribution of surplus land has also been launched which is still on.

**Revision of Rural Sanitation**

1506. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Sanitation Programme has been revised recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated under the revised policy and the earlier policy during the last three years and the details of the targets and achievements made in this regard State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme are given in Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The details are given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure, No. 26)

**Statement**

(i) There will be no subsidy out of Govt. funds for persons above the poverty line.

(ii) The contribution by the beneficiaries and the balance cost to be met by the Central Govt. and State Govt. would be as under:

| | |
|---|---|
| Central Govt. | 40% of the unit cost |
| State Govt. | 40% of the unit cost |
| Persons below poverty line | 20% of the unit cost |

(iii) The contribution from persons below poverty line will be 20 per cent of unit cost either in cash or kind or labour for construction of sanitary latrines.

(iv) Preference will be given to SC/ST families in selection of beneficiaries. At least 20 per cent of the funds will be utilised for providing sanitary latrines to SCs/STs below the poverty line where the percentage of SC/ST households exceeds 20 per cent of the general households. In other cases where SC/ST population is less than 20 per cent of general population, the percentage of funds utilised should be at least the same as the percentage of SC/ST households.

(v) (a) Upto 75 per cent of the amount released will be utilised for construction of indiviual household latrines and conversion of dry latrines for households below poverty line with preference among them to SC/ST families.

(b) Upto 10 per cent of the amount released will be utilised for village complex for women, with funding pattern of 35 per cent from the centre, 35 per cent from the State and 30 per cent from the users/panchayats.

(c) Upto 5 per cent of the amount released may be used for drains and other sanitary facilities where the cost can not be met out of JRY assistance. The funding pattern would be 25 per cent from the Centre, 25 per cent from the States and 50 per cent from the users/panchayat.

(d) Funds not exceeding 10 per cent of the releases can be used for health education, awareness and demand generation and for training of masons to the

extent it cannot be met under TRYSEM. This is subject to the condition that the State Govt. also provides a matching share out of its own funds towards this activity.

(vi) Administration cost will be limited to 3 per cent of the total provision.

**Details of estimated wasteland and proposed schemes**

1507. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of wasteland in the country, State-wise;

(b) the schemes implemented and proposed to be implemented by the National Wastelands Development Board during the year 1992-93; and

(c) the financial outlay fixed/proposed for the year 1993-94 for these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) No detailed survey for identification of wastelands has yet been conducted but according to one estimate, the total extent of wastelands in the country is 129.574 million hectares. The state wise distribution of wastelands is given at Statement. (See below)

(b) The following schemes with outlay given below, were implemented by the National Wastelands Development Board during the year 1992-93;

(Rs. in crores)

| S.No. | Name of the Scheme | Amount Released |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Integrated Wastelands Development Project | 16.73 |
| 2 | Fuelwood Fodder Project Scheme | 3.26 |
| 3 | Decentralised People's Nursery Scheme | 3.16 |
| 4 | Grants-in-aid Scheme | 0.84 |

(c) For the year 1993-94 the follow- ing schemes, with outlays given beolw have been proposed.

| S.No. | Name of Scheme | Outlay for 1993-94 (Rs. in Crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Integrated Wastelands Development Project | 30.32 |
| 2 | Investment Promotional Scheme | 4.00 |
| 3 | Technology Development and Extension | 1.50 |
| 4 | Support to Non-Government Organisations for Wastelands Development | 5.00 |
| 5 | Scheme for Promotional and Critical Support Services | 4.50 |
| 6 | Wastelands Development Task Force | 2.00 |
| 7 | Appraisal, Monitoring, Evaluation and Follow up | 1.00 |
| 8 | Communication | 0.50 |